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THE VISION OF LIFE AND DEATH.

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Upon a peak that, high and sheer,
From the sunlit slopes of heaven,
A weary wanderer of the earth
Gazed down upon the world below,
And saw the life and death of men
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PLANTING POTATOES IN AUTUMN.

With a view to obtain new potatoes earlier than the usual process of spring-planting, I prepared a small patch in the garden, as follows:

Dug trenches nine inches deep, two foot four inches apart—strewed on the bottom long stable manure—set early June, whole, eight inches apart; then another layer of long litter, fresh from the stable, and filled up with four inches of soil. All this on 18th November.

As soon as the surface got to be well frozen, spread, as is my usual practice, a light layer of straw all over the garden. They appeared above ground 14th May. Dug between rows, and planted seven early York cabbages. Dug 26th July, one and three-quarter bushels and two quarts, leaving the cabbage alone. Dimensions of patch, 252 square feet, while throwing away the two odd quarts, gives 303 bushels to the acre. Such a yield, however, is not to be expected from field culture on a large scale, nor is the process and its results sufficiently tested to warrant its adoption tentatively. But under certain circumstances it may be convenient and good economy, and the result of this little experiment affords good encouragement to try it.

As respects an early crop, the attempt was a failure. Potatoes of same kind planted 3d April came up and matured ten days earlier—the fall planted, however, turned out very small—smaller than it is believed much more in quantity, though there were no means of making an accurate comparison. It is intended this fall to repeat the experiment with "pench blows," (earliness being out of the question), with a view to test the value of the *Spergularia ptilifera* for lawns, recommends the *Anchusa dichotoma*, the *Quercus* of Linnaeus, and known by the white name of forked chickweed, (a very different thing, however, from the common chickweed.) This writer says: "We have this little plant growing in our back-yard, where no blue-grass would flourish, and never was trampled under foot, or tread, or of a finer than that its beautiful velvet green."

We commend this delicate little plant, (delicate in appearance, not in constitution,) which exists in many localities in progress to the country to the trial of all interested in rural improvement. As it is an annual, however, there may be some objections on the score of durability. There is a number of other plants that ought to be tried in this way. The necessity of mowing lawns every week, or often, in order to keep them in proper condition, when made of grass, renders it difficult to expand every time the grass is cut, that it shall not need this constant attention, if such a thing is possible. At the same time it is very questionable if we shall find a plant perfectly hardy that will not fall out in patches, and thus become a troublesome weed, and at the same time a soft carpet for the feet. The *Arenaria stricta* is a very small, fine-leaved plant, and may possibly be worthy a place among others for experimental trial.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE TO A PARTY OF PRODIGALITY.—A few days ago a party of young princes and nobles met at one of the most celebrated hotels in Berlin for a supper. After eating, drinking, courtesies and revelry, they added to their otherwise disgraceful proceedings the infamy of violating the person of a servant girl. The injured party is to receive \$350 if she lives, which is doubtful if she dies it will suffice to bury her. Frederic William had character enough to administer even-handed justice. A nobleman had been imprisoned for some act of extortion, "O'Connell" said the king, when the sentence came up for confirmation, "if a poor starving wretch steals a few miserable dollars, you put him to death—let his lordship be hanged without delay. The terrified noble offered to restore the money, "I want not thy money, answered the king. "A noble thief must be hanged like any other thief" and hanged he was forthwith.

MERITED TESTIMONIAL TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE MINNIE SCHIFFER.—About \$2,000 have been collected for the purpose of presenting a suitable testimonial to Captain Wilson, of the brig *Minnie Schiffer*, for his services in rescuing the passengers of the *Commaugh*.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Financial Affairs.

Financial affairs will probably be more active, and money in better demand this week than the last, at the season for a brisk business is rapidly approaching. The decrease in currency, however, will be gradual, we think, as it has been, and we anticipate no such closeness as will prevent the discounting by the regular houses, of all the really first-class Paper that may be offered at 100/12 per cent.

Eastern Exchange will hardly decline this week, as the amount of local bills is very small, and the Bankers are compelled to resort and return Bank-notes, to keep up their supply. The rate will no doubt, therefore, remain as before, at 90c/95c buying, and 95c/100c selling.

Gold is still quiet, and in very limited local demand, at 1/4 and 1/2 premium; the country banks being occasional purchasers at the latter price.

New Orleans Exchange continues quiet at regular rates—1/4 discount/1/2 premium for Sight, with a very small local demand. In currency there is no alteration; Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan, selling at 1/2 discount.

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